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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SU, SA

SUBJ: RELEASE OF KHARTOUM MURDERERS; PROTEST TO SAUDIS

REF : JIDDA 3638 (NOTAL)

1. WIRELESS BULLETIN THIS MORNING CARRIED REPORT THAT  
MURDERERS OF CLEO NOEL AND CURT MOORE HAD BEEN SENTENCED  
TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. NEWS WAS NOT PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

KNOWING WHAT THIS USUALLY MEANS IN MIDDLE EAST, WE

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ASSUMED THAT AFTER A FEW YEARS THE MURDERERS WOULD BE

QUIETLY RELEASED. WE ALSO ASSUMED THIS WAS THE BEST THAT  
COULD BE EXPECTED.

2. NOW OUR RADIOS INFORM US THE SENTENCES HAVE BEEN  
COMMUTED. THE MURDERERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND ARE PRE-  
SUMED OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

3. WE CANNOT ADEQUATELY EXPRESS OUR HORROR AND DISGUST AND  
WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE MOST VIGOROUS PROTEST  
TO KHARTOUM IF THIS REPORT IS TRUE.

4. IF IT IS, GIVEN THE SAUDI INVOLVEMENT, WE ALSO BELIEVE  
WE SHOULD INFORM SAUDIS OFFICIALLY, AND IN THE STRONGEST  
TERMS, OF OUR VIEWS.

5. AMBASSADOR IS SCHEDULED TO SEE PRINCE FAHD, SAUDI  
MINISTER OF INTERIOR, TOMORROW EVENING (1600 GMT, JUNE  
26) ON OTHER MATTERS (REFTEL). WE EXPECT THAT, AT A  
MINIMUM, HE WILL BE ABLE TO REFER TO AN OFFICIAL USG  
REACTION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE REQUEST, THAT AMBASSADOR ALSO BE  
GIVEN A MESSAGE TO KING FAISAL OR PRINCE FAHD FROM THE  
PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY, GIVING THEIR VIEWS AND ASKING  
FOR PUBLIC SAUDI CONDEMNATION.

7. WE BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF GETTING  
SAUDI COMPLIANCE, GIVEN THEIR TRADITIONS AND THEIR PAST  
RECORD. NONETHLESS WE BELIEVE THE REQUEST SHOULD BE  
MADE OF THEM. OUR POINTS WOULD BE WELL UNDERSTOOD AND  
THEY MIGHT EVEN RESULT IN SAUDI PRESSURE ON THE PALESTINIAN  
LEADERS TO TAKE SOME ACTION OF THEIR OWN AGAINST THE  
MURDERERS.

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